

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of allowing ~~a user to install an~~ installation of software on a computer of a user by an installer executed in the computer of the user, comprising the steps of:

~~notifying~~ transmitting information regarding a credit card of the user to a computer of a sales company of credit card information of the user;

~~communicating~~ transmitting the notified credit card information regarding the credit card of the user and a price of the software from the computer of the sales company to a computer of a credit company so as to request a confirmation of use of the credit card corresponding to specified by the notified credit card information regarding the credit card of the user;

~~confirming~~ the use of the credit card of the user and settling an account by the computer of the credit card in the credit company in accordance with the notified credit card information regarding the credit card of the user, the notified price of the software and a limit price set for the card, so as to send a result of the confirmation and a remittance for the notified price to the computer of the sales company;

~~producing~~ issuing, in by the computer of the sales company, a first installation key uniquely corresponding assigned to said the user on the basis of the credit card information regarding the credit card of the user, and issuing transmitting the first

installation key to ~~said the computer of the user~~ if the ~~user~~ use of the credit card of the user is confirmed;

~~allowing executing the installer to display a form to newly request~~ the user to input the first installation key and ~~the credit card information~~ regarding the credit card of the user to an in the installer;

producing, by the installer, a second installation key from the ~~input credit card information of the credit card of the user input in the step of executing the installer in order~~ to obtain a comparison result by comparing the first installation key with the produced second installation key; and

installing the software on the computer of the user by the installer if the first installation key corresponds to the second installation key in the comparison results.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~credit card~~ information regarding the credit card of the user is credit information of the user ~~regarding a credit card~~ issued by the credit company to the user, and the first installation key is produced by the computer of the sales company in said step of issuing step the first installation key by operating a designated calculation in accordance with the credit card information.

3. (Currently Amended) A method key according to Claim 2, wherein the ~~credit card~~ information regarding the credit card of the user contains a credit card number, a card holder's name, and validity of use, and the designated calculation is operated at least

for one of the credit card number, the card holder's name, and the validity of use in order to produce the first installation key.

4. to 9. (Canceled)